



Relay is Friday night

The Annual Hickman County Relay for Life event is less than a week away, and the Relay committee has a great night planned cancer survivors and friends.

This year, the committee made the decision to move the event to the court square in Clinton from the walking track where the event was previously held.

The evening will kick off at 6 p.m. with the opening ceremony and survivor introduction at 6:15. The schedule of events follows.

6 p.m. - Opening Ceremony
6:15 - Survivor Introduction
6:45 - Survivor Lap, Friends and Family Lap
7:00 - Cake Auction
7:30-8:45 - Live Entertainment
9:00 Luminary Ceremony
9:45 - Circle of Hope
10:00 - Live Music
11:00 - Closing Ceremony and clean-up.

There will be something for everyone at this year's Relay for Life, and delicious food. It will be worth the trip downtown just to enjoy the atmosphere and buy some great food from one of the Relay teams.

There will also be bump 'n' jumps available for children.

See photos from HCHS Awards Night on page 8!

HCHS Class of '15 graduates

Hickman County High School held its annual commencement ceremony Friday night in the Hickman County High School gym beginning at 7 p.m.

The gym was packed to capacity as graduates paraded into the gymnasium and found their chairs. HCHS Principal Kevin Estes, who served as Master of Ceremony for the event, welcomed the audience, and Brooke Bodkin led the invocation.

An emotional video produced by the senior class brought tears to the eyes of many students, parents, and faculty as they looked upon a series of photos from the graduates' infancies through young adulthood.

Principal Estes then introduced the honor students as follows: Valdictorian Brooke Jackson, Salutatorian Stacy Fujisawa, Alisha Samuel, Madison Mitchell, Kayla Michelle Boaz, Avery Cloar, Kaitie Woolard, Jordyn Jackson, Franki Richey, Haley-Marie Ellegood, Bailey Clark, Erika Stairs, Amber Jones, Jade Florence, Peyton Roriguez,



SPEECHES AND ENTERTAINMENT - (Above) Brooke Jackson, Valdictorian of the Hickman County High School Class of 2015, addresses the class during the graduation ceremony. Seated from left are Hickman County School Board Vice-Chairman Scott Mitchell, HCHS Guidance Counselor Amy Boaz, Hickman County Schools Superintendent Casey Henderson, and HCHS Principal Kevin Estes. At right, graduate Hunter Cox sings a beautiful rendition of Garth Brooks' "The Dance" during the ceremony.



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Harper's Dominates 2015 National Country Ham Championship

Steeped in tradition, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has cultivated an enviable heritage that includes smooth, aged bourbons, spirited thoroughbreds, top-ranked college basketball and the finest cured, smoked and aged country ham in the free world.

Hickman County's own Harper's Country Hams' recent performance at the 2015 National Country Ham Association's 23rd annual convention in Raleigh, North Carolina was unmatched among a group of elite competitors, earning Harper's the "Grand Champion" position for both awarded categories-- smoked and unsmoked hams.

The National Country Ham Association (NCHA), an affiliate of the American Association of Meat Processors, was organized in 1992 to represent the interest of country ham producers nationwide.

Harper's hand-crafted hams also prevailed in a similar competition



in 2013, capturing the top position among virtually the same challengers in a ranking by Boston-based Cook's Country Magazine, as well as in a blind tasting by the cast and audience of America's Test Kitchen, the most-watched cooking show on public television. Cooks Country characterized

SEE **HAM**, PAGE 2

Clinton passes budget, approves waste removal bid

Daniel Richardson

The Clinton City Council approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and voted to contract with Freedom Waste for city-wide trash pick-up in a short meeting on Monday night, June 1.

After considering bids from several waste management companies at their meeting last month, the councilmembers briefly discussed trash removal before Councilman Ivan Potter made a motion to contract with Freedom Waste, out of Mayfield, for city-wide trash pick-up.

Councilmembers Ivan Potter, Berry Morrow, and Jerome Jenkins voted in favor of the contract, while Howard Dillard and Yvette Thomas abstained from the vote. Councilwoman Laura Poole was not present at the meeting.

The mandatory trash pick-up will cost \$11.70 per month for residents with one cart (trash can), or \$14.70 per month for residents with two carts.

The councilmembers voted unanimously to pass the budget for 2015-16 on its first reading, based

on emergency status. Normally, ordinances must be read twice in two separate open meetings before being voted on. KRS 83A.060(7) enables a legislative body to pass an ordinance after the first reading by declaring an emergency situation and describing the emergency situation in the ordinance. A 2/3 majority vote is required to suspend the requirement for the second reading and publication.

The reason for the ordinance's emergency status is that the city cannot wait until their regularly scheduled meeting on July 6 to hold a second reading and pass the budget, because the budget must be approved and in place by July 1 in order to avoid using the current year's budget again next year. Mayor Campbell said that a special called meeting to hold a second reading before July 1 would be too costly for the city, costing about \$900 for council member payments. Thus, the emergency status attached to the ordinance.

Next year's budget is based on an

income of \$544,200, and allocates \$170,184 for Police, \$102,067 for Streets, \$66,448 for Administrative, \$67,600 for Benefits, \$29,100 for Executive and Legislative Expenses, and \$108,800 for Municipal Property and Equipment.

During the police report, Chief Snapper Seaton said that the department participated in the "Click it or Ticket" program last month to enforce seatbelt laws. He said that the department gave out 20 citations for seatbelt violations.

"We made a lot of people mad," he said, "but we have to participate in these programs to be eligible to receive certain funding."

The council voted to contract to have the flooding issue on College Street resolved, at a cost of slightly over \$4,000.

The next meeting of the Clinton City Council is Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m. in the Clinton City Hall.

We want to hear from you!

If you have a question, comment, or complaint about something you saw in *The Hickman County Gazette*, or a suggestion, we'd love to hear from you!

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Robert Workman
Joyce Franklin

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Cruise In set for Saturday in Fulton

Stepping back to a simpler time, when summer nights were spent cruising the roadways, windows down, warm breeze blowing, the Fulton Tourism Commission will sponsor a “Cruise-In” for this Saturday, to downtown

Fulton’s Pontotoc Park, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Car clubs, groups and individuals with customized unique cars, antique cars or restored nostalgic vehicles are invited to cruise into Fulton, and take advantage of special reserved parking adjacent to Pontotoc Park, as a free concert by Barnestorm takes place on the Pontotoc stage.

Special gifts will be given to participants who make the cruise-in and the public is invited to also come to the park, to view the vehicles as they arrive, and enjoy the concert.

Those planning to attend may bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the evening at the park.

The Twin Cities Men’s Organization, T.C.M.O. will have a variety of concessions available for sale, with a number of restaurants providing a wide selection of choices for diners as well.

For more information about the Cruise-In, contact the Fulton Tourism Commission at 270-472-9000.

THEY’RE BACK! Student artwork on display at courthouse

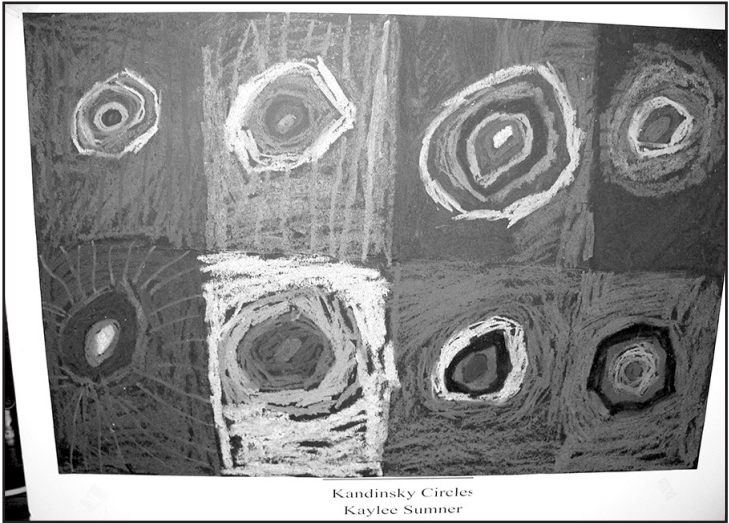
By Danny Whitlock

Again this summer, the Hickman County Arts Council is pleased to display pieces of two-dimensional art from students in both Hickman County Elementary and Hickman County High School. The artwork will be on display in one of the courthouse display cases through the month of August.

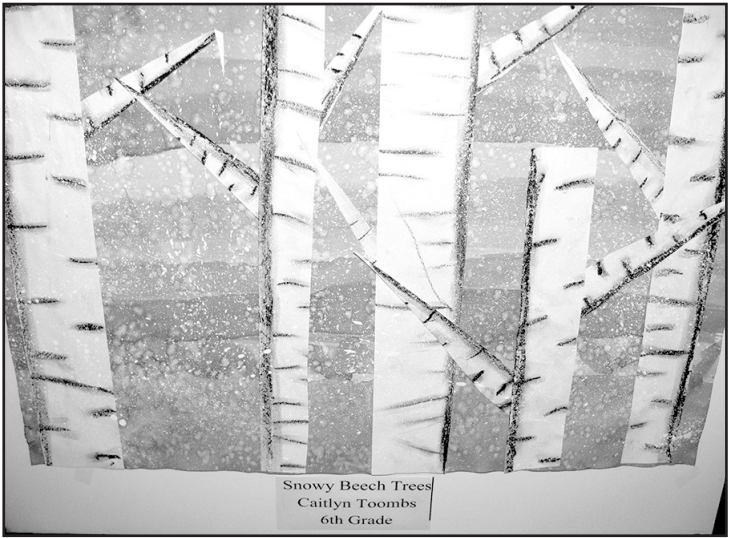
The work completed by our budding artists under the direction of Mr. Rick Harrison, include pieces from Blythe Armbruster - K; Kaylee Sumner - 1st; Brec Byassee and Sydnee Bailey - 2; Austin Edwards and Cayce Higgins - 3; Anna Howell, Kenzie Curry, and Ellie Davis - 4; Carly Boaz, Abbey Fincher, and Abbie Nanny - 5; Madison Coates, Bella Batts, Desi Williams, and Caitlyn Toombs - 6; Joseph Porter, Adriann Crider, and Winter Smith - 9; and Melody Russell - 12.

Many of these students focused on a particular artist and rendered their interpretation of that artist’s work including works by Kandinsky, Cezanne, Monet, and Georgia O’Keefe. Other student’s work focused on the techniques of print making and block printing.

It would be worth your time and effort to stop by our courthouse and admire the work of these student artists. The Hickman County Arts Council supports all artistic endeavors both in our schools and throughout our community.



Kandinsky Circles - By Kaylee Sumner, 1st Grade



Snowy Beech Trees - By Caitlyn Toombs, 6th grade

HCAC is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are fully tax deductible. Donations to HCAC will be put to use within Hickman County in a range of activities

focused on the arts. For more information on making a donation or to become an HCAC member, contact Mary Potter at 270-653-3312

Graduation From Pg. 1

Steven Allen, Tyler Westbrooks, Courtney Collier, Kinsey Lock, Amber Weber, Nekkesia Jackson, Kaylee Webb, Rayshun Shields, Brooke Bodkin, Jevon Vinson, Dylan Jewell, and Hannah Mangrum.

Scott Mitchell, Vice-Chairman of the Hickman County Board of Education, recognized the valedictorian and the salutatorian.

Senior Jade Florence spoke before the audience, comparing the lives of each graduate to the adventure of Alice in Wonder-

land. Senior Hunter Cox sang “The Dance.” After addresses by Fujisawa and Jackson, Superintendent Casey Henderson presented diplomas to the graduates.

Senior Madison Mitchell led the benediction.

Juniors Abby Coffey and Ethan Carter served as monitors for the graduation ceremony. Ushers were Sarah Harpole, Rachel Jackson, Maiesha Simmons, Austin Boaz, Zeke Prince, and Ben Wilson.

Ham From Pg. 1

Harper’s ham as “...delicious and savory; bacony; rich and deeply-flavored; well-balanced and not overwhelmed by salt.”

“These industry honors are simply a manifestation of the love and dedication that goes into our craft and the commitment we maintain to our customers,” said Brian Harper, Executive Vice-President, a sentiment echoed by company President Dolores Harper. In 1952, when Americans Liked

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District Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 06/01/15. This is not an official docket.

Brooke Bodkin. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 6/8/15. Possible CATS participant. License to be in Possession. No/Expired Registration Plates. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof.

Kimberly L. Brann. Rear License Not Illuminated. Disregarding Stop Sign. Op MV Under/Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08 1st off. Speeding 20 Mph. Over Limit. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 6/22/15.

Joe Crumble. License to be in Possession. Dismiss on proof. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Dismiss. Careless Driving. Dismiss. Failure to Use Child Restraint Device in Vehicle. Dismiss.

Teresa G. Dickinson. Speeding 12 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Review 7/13/15.

Sean Garrison. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Cont. to 7/13/15.

Laurie Green. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. FTA.

Edward W. Herndon II. No/Expired Other State Registration Receipt or Plate. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 6/22/15.

Joyce Kellett. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. No/Expired Registration Plates. Continue to 7/13/15.

Jerod T. Lemons. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof. Rear License Not Illuminated. Failure to Wear Seatbelts. OpMV Under/Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08 1st off. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 6/22/15.

Cedric A. Lockett. Speeding 19 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Continue to 7/13/15.

Eddie G. Meadows Jr. Speeding 11 Mph. Over Limit. Amend to Improper Equipment. \$25 fine. Operate w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight

distance tax license. Dismiss on proof. Failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory. Proof shown, dismiss.

Joseph A. Mounce. Disregarding Traffic Control Device, Traffic Light. CATS program. Continue 7/13/15. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof.

Adam R. Perkins. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Continue to 6/29/15.

Robin C. Phipps. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. FTA.

David E. Polk. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Continue to 7/13/15.

David A. Romero. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 7/13/15.

Shelia Schiff. Op MV Under/Influence of alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08 1st off. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 6/29/15.

James W. Sellers. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. To dismiss if completed.

James A. Szepanski. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Continue to 6/15/15.

Joseph D. Timmons. Speeding 11 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Continue to 7/13/15.

Tye Prince. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pleaded guilty. \$25 fine, suspended on proof. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof.

Brad Williams. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Dismiss if completed. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof.

Melvin Yates. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. To enter CATS program. Dismiss if completed.

Gary C. McFadden. Other Hearing. Bond return to surety.

Cody L. Goad. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Iresha Harper. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Stephanie D. Kingston. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Raymond Marshall Millett. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Randy G. Smith. Diversion

Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Diane H. Eagan. Show Cause Hearing. Cause shown.

Donald Ray Gray. Show Cause Hearing. Cause shown.

Robert Lynn Keefer. Show Cause hearing. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Amend to License to be in Possession. \$100 fine.

Kathy King. Show Cause Hearing. Cause shown. Suspend balance of requirement.

Derica Adams. Review for completion of CATS program. Dismiss speeding charge.

Regina L. Allen. Review for compliance of diversion. In compliance.

Lecanne Marie Baldwin. Review for compliance of diversion. In compliance.

James E. Blades. Review. Proof of assessment filed.

James Austin Crawl. Review for status of extradition.

Alexander G. Jewell. Review for completion of CATS program. Completed. Dismiss.

Kayla Marie McClanahan. Review. Proof shown.

Ricky G. Pyle. Review for completion of CATS program. Completed. Dismiss.

William Thompson. Review for completion of CATS program. Completed. Dismiss.

Ashley N. Workman. Review for completion of CATS program. Completed. Dismiss.

Joshua T. Brann. Pretrial Conference. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. \$100 fine.

Chris L. Crumble. Possession of Marijuana. Pleaded guilty. 45 days, conditionally discharged two years. \$100 fine. Six month drug screen.

Christopher Lee Crumble. Pretrial Conference. Continue to 7/13/15.

Blake Allen Marcum. Pretrial Conference. Proof shown of two sessions of Fred Myers Driving School. Disregarding Stop Sign. Careless Driving. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss at motion of county attorney.

Zachary Allen Morgan. Op MV Under/Influence of Alcohol Drugs, etc. .08, 1st off. Possession of Marijuana. Drug paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 10/5/15.

Travis M. Chess. Promoting

Contraband- 1st Degree. Waive - Preliminary Hearing 7/16/15.

Eva F. Glisson. Court Trial. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pleaded guilty. One day, conditionally discharged one year. Consecutive with 15T10.

Eva F. Glisson. Court Trial. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pleaded guilty. One day, conditionally discharged one year. Consecutive with 14T370.

Ronnie R. Gray. Other Hearing. Contempt of Court. Pleaded guilty. Sentenced to time served.

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NEWS

Spots Still Open for Music-Art-Drama Camp

A limited number of openings are still available for upcoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in this summer's MAD (Music-Art-Drama) Camp. This weeklong workshop begins Monday, June 22 with classes running from 9 to 12 am.

Sponsored by the Hickman County Extension Office and Arts Council, classes target students with a wide range of interests and abilities. The workshop emphasizes creative experiences across the arts and activities align with Kentucky and National Standards in Arts and Humanities.

MAD Camp will be held at the Hickman County Cooperative Extension Office on James

Phillips Drive. There is no admission fee and enrollment is limited to 30 participants. Application forms may be picked up and returned at that location.

MAD Camp Class Sampler
Purchase Players, a live theater group based in Mayfield, top the lineup with activities to bring the magic of performance to life. In another session, students will use Mary Potter's *No Count Dog* as a springboard to take script to stage.

In **Calligraphy** (Sherry Roberts), everything goes to black and white. For this workshop in decorative handwriting techniques, all students need is a basic knowledge of the alphabet, a calligraphy pen (supplied), and wait, one more thing: a sense of fun.

Have a Ball with Dance (Cletus Murphy) gets students into the spirit of dance with a Samba Line, mirroring, and couple dancing. A Slow Waltz slows down the tempo and then East Coast Swing, Salsa/Mambo, and a little Rumba bring back the beat. By the end of the class students will have moved across the equator and back, with experiments in tempo and style.

What's more summery than transparent blues, greens, yellows, and reds?

In **Introduction to Watercolor**, (Sherry Roberts and Lilly Kimbell) students learn what makes this a special painting technique. They they'll get right into the splash by creating their own transparent watercolor experiments.

You've always thought that art and science don't mix. Not so. In **Crayonics: The Science of Color** (Liz Jewell), students will reinvent the color wheel. Then, with some rockin' music in the background, students combine paper and their own unique scribbles and take home a mixed-media work that begs to be framed.

And there's more....melody and harmony with group singing, breaks for refreshments...and just a little clowning around. In short, expect the unexpected with MAD Camp, and be ready for fun.

Madcamp Teacher Lineup
Purchase Players take theater to the next generation, literally. This Mayfield, Ky. group is all about bringing the power and magic of drama to students. They conduct workshops regionally and the players are currently working on productions of *Charlotte's Web* and *Harvey*.

Dancing with Our Stars, singing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, winning prizes in Latin and Smooth Dance—**Cletus Murphy's** artistic success stories go on and on. He has a background in vocal music, has done opera workshops, and loves ballroom dance.

Most people know **Lilly Kimbell** as past president of both the Woman's Club and Rotary, and one of most energetic civic volunteers in Hickman County. She also has a highly creative side as a photographer, watercolor painter, and master gardener.

Melissa Goodman is the Family and Consumer Science Agent for the UK extension service in Hickman County. An active community and church volunteer, Melissa works with youth in the Hickman County Leadership Program and through clown ministry. She is an officer in the Chamber of Commerce and teaches leadership skills in her spare time.

Mary Potter's children's book, *No Count Dog*, has gotten regional and national attention. Mary is an attorney who volunteers countless hours for the Hickman County Arts Council and she helped found both this year's MAD Camp and the ongoing Hickman County Arts, Crafts, and Book Fair.

Sherry Roberts is a published writer, photographer, visual artist and calligrapher. She taught English and gifted classes at Hickman County High School for twenty-eight years; she also taught writing for three other school districts as well as writing courses for Murray State University.

Known as a vocal soloist, **Alicia Jones** is a graduate of Murray State and Hickman County High School. This talented young music educator has performed locally and regionally and is currently working as a substitute teacher in school systems around the purchase.

Elizabeth Jewell worked at Kentucky Educational Television for nine years. During this time she developed and taught an on-air class called *Humanities through the Arts*. Now Liz hangs in Clinton six months a year, volunteers, writes, and works in mixed media.



PINNING CEREMONY - On Sunday, May 31, seven Fulton County Area Technology Center (ATC) students were present for the first ever pinning ceremony to take place at the ATC. "This pinning ceremony caps off one of the most successful year's this program has ever seen," stated ATC Health Sciences Teacher Heather Elder. "We had 100% of our students pass the CNA state testing exam and now nine of them are gainfully employed in this field." Those on hand for the ceremony on Sunday include: l to r Brooke Williams, Samantha Ward, and Alexis Allen from Fulton County; Taylor Rushing from Fulton City; Linsey Grissom and Amy Langford, both from Fulton County; and Jordan Farmer from Hickman County. Not present include: Courtney Watts, Mariah Taborn, and Angelika Zombeck from Fulton County; and Chelsey Crawford, Brooke Bodkin, Caitlin Adams, Hannah Mangum, Taylor Johnson and Amber Weber, all from Hickman County.



NEWLY PINNED - On Sunday, May 31, Jordan Farmer (left) was one of seven CNA students from the Fulton County Area Technology Center pinned by Health Sciences teacher Heather Elder (right). Sixteen students passed the state CNA exam, giving the school 100% pass rate. Farmer, is a student from Hickman County High School.



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Hickman County Fiscal Court is accepting the following bids:

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2. Sealed bids for steel corrugated pipe and bituminous coated corrugated steel pipe, all sizes, 12 inches and up (for individual pipe if required) and such price to include delivery to Hickman County.

3. Sealed bids for aluminum corrugated pipe, all sizes, 12 inches and up (for individual pipe if required) and such price to include delivery to Hickman County. Delivery to Hickman County Road Department or work site location anywhere in Hickman County is required within 24 hours of placement of order of any size. Bidder also agrees to sell product to any landowner upon whom the county is conducting the pipe installation at the same price county would be required to pay.

4. Sealed bids for gasoline that exceeds 92 octane and first grade diesel fuel at the bidder's pumps for use in county trucks and graders and other heavy equipment.

5. Sealed bids for motor oil, in quart sizes for trucks and diesel burning equipment.

6. Sealed bids for red gravel, No. 9M crushed limestone, dense grade aggregate, camden rock, and rip rap. Bids will be furnished with conditions as follows:

a. Price per ton delivered F.O.B. to the Hickman County Road Department.

b. Price per ton pick-up at plant.

c. Price per ton for delivering from Vulcan, Mid-South, Hickman-Fulton County

Riverport and any other destination any supplier/trucker can locate the rock as described above.

7. Sealed bids for creosote and other wooden products that are useable for bridge and box culvert construction.

Bids are for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Said bids will be received in the office of the Hickman County Judge/Executive up to 4:00 p.m. June 19, 2015 at 116 S. Jefferson Street, Clinton, KY 42031, and bids will be opened and read at the fiscal court meeting on June 25, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. According to KRS 45A.365, said award will go to the lowest evaluated bid price received. Hickman County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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HFRECC, GEMC consolidation moving along

Charlotte Smith

Earlier this year on January 22 Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC (HFRECC) announced its plans to seek consolidation with either Gibson Electric Membership Corporation (GEMC) in Tennessee or West Kentucky RECC.

As the local co-op board continued to examine all its options with both systems, it determined that GEMC was the best one to continue to pursue options of a consolidation with for members of both co-ops.

On Thursday, May 28, Dan Rodamaker, President and CEO of GEMC, shared an update on the continued efforts of both boards as they consider the possibility of a consolidation.

"Our board met on Wednesday (May 27) and HFRECC's board met on Tuesday (May 26) and both are still in agreement to keep moving forward with the possibility of consolidating," noted Rodamaker. "Our number one goal is to save the members money."

Once the boards pose the consolidation plan to their members, the members will ultimately make the final decision on whether or not to become one co-op.

Another goal is to ensure that no one gets hurt through the

protection of employees' jobs, while creating a better utility.

"We feel by becoming one larger utility we can cut our expenses and keep cost pressures down for all members," he added.

The next steps involved include meeting with regulators and determining the credit worthiness of both co-ops. "Right now both co-ops have 60-70% equity," he said. "If we consolidate our utilities, we would also consolidate our loans."

Debbie Weatherford, Interim President and CEO of the Hickman-based co-op, along with Hickman Rotarians and HFRECC employees Ward Morgan and Rex Coffey, were also in attendance on Thursday.

"HFRECC's leadership has been instrumental in putting together numbers for the consolidation study," Rodamaker said. "As we take each step toward a vote and possible consolidation, off ramps have been instituted along the way providing a way out for either utility."

With GEMC having 35,000 members to HFRECC's 3,700, the two boards also agreed to the following if a consolidation is approved by the boards and memberships:

- HFRECC members

will receive a decrease in their current rates;

- Current union and non-union HFRECC employees will receive the same level of compensation (including benefits) and the existing negotiated union contract will be honored through August 2019;
- The Hickman office and warehouse will become a district office and remain open;
- The HFRECC Board approved operations and maintenance plan will be implemented and steps will be taken to improve service reliability in Carlisle County, which in the long-term may include a substation; and
- Membership in the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives will be continued; and
- There will be geographical representation of the HFRECC Membership on the future Board.

Rodamaker sees a time line for possible consolidation starting with TVA first giving regulatory approval, then HFRECC members having a vote in September and Gibson EMC members having a vote in October with a plan for consolidation around January 1, 2016.

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Community News

Area Obituaries



Steven Ward

Steven Ward

Steven “Froggy” Wray Ward, age 56 of Grand Rivers, Ky. died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at his home.

He was a member of Clinton First Baptist Church and was an equipment operator with Local 181.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie Colleen Romero Ward of Grand Rivers; Son Trevor Ward of Clinton; Grandson Chance Ward; Daughter, Lacey (Tony) Perez of Hickman; Grandchildren, Jaklynn Perez and Antonia Perez, Jr; Son, Zach Turner of Hickman, KY; Son, JT (Sherry) Turner of Greenfield, TN; Grandchildren, AJ, Sherri, Kyleigh and Haleigh Turne.

Robert “Butch” Workman

Mr. Robert “Butch” Workman, 71, of Arlington, Ky. died Tuesday, May 27, 2015 at the Baptist Health in Paducah, Ky.

He was a retired pipefitter from the former General Tire Company. He lived all of his life in this area.

He is survived by two sons, Bart (Pam) Workman of Columbia, Tenn. and David Workman of Fulton, Ky.; one biological grandchild Audrey-Anne Workman of Columbia; his companion of 14 years Joyce Brown of Arlington; her daughter, Mandy (Eric) Marshall and her grandchildren; Bryce, Holly, Landen, Wesly and Caleb Marshall all of Wingo, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents Robert Wilson Workman and Daisy Evelyn Hughes Workman; his wife Sue Odom Workman; and a son Jody Michael Workman.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Pleasant View Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 302 Carr Street, Fulton, KY 42041 or to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, PO BOX 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Milner & Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangement; Son, David (Michelle) Romero of Clinton; Grandchildren Mercedes Rosas, Brendon Rosas and Paisley Romero; Aunt, Emarea Hixon of Bardwell and Cousins, Kelly Kirchgessner of Albuquerque, NM, Karen Evans of Louisville, Ky. and Allison Garnett of Bardwell, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wray and Sylvia Yates Ward.

Funeral Services were at 7 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Irvin Stroud officiating. Donations: Hickman County FFA, c/o Hickman County High School, 301 James H. Phillips Drive, Clinton, KY 42031.

Green Valley to celebrate First Lady Appreciation Day

Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church will observe “First Lady Appreciation Day” honoring Sis. Johnnie M. McDonald, Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 3pm at 406 Blair Street, Clinton, KY. Special guest will be: Sis. Jean Green (Speaker) & the Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Choir of Hickman, KY; Reverend Steven Turner, Pastor. We invite you all to come out and share in our celebration! Reverend Eugene McDonald, Pastor

Sis. Rose Davis-Duffy, Program Chairperson



Marie Knox

Marie Knox

Marie “Dolly” Knox, 80, of Clinton, Ky. died at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2015, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Paducah.

Marie was a member of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Oakton, Ky. where she served as treasurer and on the Mother’s Board. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Doris Knox-Dalton of West Peoria, Ill. and Janice Price of Paducah; three sons, Cornelius Knox of Clinton, and Danny Knox and Barry Knox; both of Paducah; five grandsons; **two** granddaughters; several great-grandchildren; one brother, Marshall Weatherspoon of Paducah and one aunt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lois and Lena Crumble Weatherspoon, her husband, Edward Knox; two sons, Edward and Reginald Knox; one grandson; three brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral Services were held at 1p.m., Saturday, May 30 at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Anthony Johnson officiated, with burial in Mt. Sinai Cemetery.

Pettus-Rowland Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Joyce Davis Franklin

Joyce Marie Davis Franklin, 71, of Cairo, Ill. died at 5:04 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2015 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Ill.

She was a member of Arlington First Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Shane (Jenise) McGee of Bardwell, Ky.; three sisters, Inez (Jim) Jackson of Augusta, Ark., Jane (Joe) Hudgens of Bardwell and Judy (James) Burton of Cartersville, Ga.; one brother, Billy Joe (Betty) Sams of St. Charles, Mo.; and three grandchildren, Brittany McGee, Daven McGee and Malle McGee.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Sams. Her parents were Lonnie Davis and Joe Bennett Kimble Davis.

Services were at 12 noon Monday, May 25 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Bardwell. Rev. Thomas Hoskins officiated, with burial in Clinton Cemetery in Clinton, Ky.

National Trails Day is Saturday, June 6

Enjoy the natural beauty of Columbus-Belmont State Park by taking a History Hike around the grounds, nature trail, and Historic Earthworks. Maps and a bottle of water provided at Snack Bar. A scavenger hunt will be issued with museum admission and a prize will be given when completed.

Columbus Cemetery Restoration to meet Sunday, June 7

Columbus Cemetery Restoration Association will meet Sunday, June 7th, at Columbus City Hall at 2:00. All Columbus residents and interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Issues of interest related to the cemetery will be discussed at the meeting. Donations to the cemetery can be made at this time or by sending them to: Columbus Cemetery Restoration Association, P.O. Box 164, Columbus, Ky. 42032.

Second Baptist Church News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

May 24

John Hill’s Sunday School devotion began with a quote from Thomas Jefferson: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men. We... solemnly publish and declare, that these colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states...And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.” - from The Declaration of Independence. John said we need to remember that we have freedom because of men who died defending it. Then he read Exodus 24: 5- 8.

Five church members were recognized who have served in the military.

Bro. Dustin’s message was from James 1: 1- 12, “Temptation” Verses 2 and 3 say, My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. Bro. Dustin said there will be testing in your life, but count it as blessings. Verse 12 says, Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. He also read Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. The Lord will take care of your needs, but be content with what you have.

Four Second Baptist Seniors who will graduate May 29th were recognized and given Bibles.

There will be a Retirement Reception for Janice Glasco at the church on May 31 at 2 p.m.

Second Baptist will have Vacation Bible School June 22 - 26.

Please pray for: Teen Garrison, Larry Cagle, Jim Schooley, Megan Grubbs, Hal Cannon, Judy Lane, Thomas Dublin, Bro. Rocky James & Beverly, Dorothy Hoskins, Joseph Atkinson, Billy Lamb, Debbie Kilpatrick, Steven Turner II, Gilbert Nichols, Steve Plummer, Joy Workman, James Grey, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Josephine Shadwick, Mildred Morrison Eloise Harrison, Edna Roper, Mike & Sherry Jones, Paul & Jackie Ballard, Ruth Jewell, Cheyenne Lomax, Jim Connell, Shirley Byassee, Jeff Cox, Dale Melton, Bud Martin, Ovidean Liberty, Martha Berry, and Elaine Reed.

May 31

John Hill’s Sunday School devotion was from 1 Thessalonians 5: 11 - 23. He said we are commanded to love and support our pastor and be at peace among ourselves.

Janice Glasco was honored for her service to our church and for her retirement from driving the school bus for 44 years. Also a Retirement Tea was held at the church at 2pm.

Brent Dublin sang while Tanner signed to “Thank You”

Bro. Dustin’s message was from Nahum 1: 1 - 15 Vs 2 says God is jealous and demands our worship. Vs 3 He is slow to anger. Vs 11 says the evil ones will be cut down and God will take his people home.

Vs 15 God will have the final judgement. Bro. Dustin said we should have a fear of the Lord but run to him not away from him because you can not run from God.

Sunday night Bro. Dustin’s message was from 2 Timothy 3: 1 - 17 The last times. Vs 5 says turn away from a list of people. Vs 9 says they shall proceed no more. Vs 12 - 13 says we will suffer persecution but evil will wax worse.

We had one baptized.

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Check out our website: clintonsecondbaptist.com We are also on facebook.

At Second Baptist we believe that “everybody is somebody and Jesus is everything.”

Visitors are always welcome at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School starts at 10am. Worship service is at 11am. Sunday night worship service is at 6 pm. Wednesday night 7 pm. Pastor Bro. Dustin Cunningham.

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Legacy

LEGACY. I have just spoken at another memorial service which I always consider an honor. Each time I am reminded that we all leave a legacy. We usually think this refers to money or property left in a will, something of a legal aspect, but it is more than that. It may be defined as “something handed down, something left to the present generation.”

We are building our legacy day by day by the life we live. What we leave our family and this world can be far more important than property, money in the bank or stocks and bonds. We can leave a life lived for Jesus Christ, an honest, caring, loving, giving, godly life that has influenced those around us. That is worth more than all the gold in California. I am reminded of some of the last testimony concerning King David. “For David, after he had served his generation by the will of God, fell asleep” (Acts 13:36).

Dear reader, what sort of legacy will you hand down to your family, friends, neighbors and any and all who knew you or knew of you when you leave this life? That is a question we should all ponder from time to time. You start by believing on Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and you build upon that.

It is never too late to start.

Senior Chatter

By Rhonda Parham

June is here! My how the months have flown by. We are almost to the end of the fiscal year.

Last month sure was a busy one. I think I have finally landed!

Do you want to live longer and healthier? Banish the blues and practice positive and optimistic thoughts. “The mind is our most potent weapon in the battle for health.” Happy feelings and a upbeat attitude help us in our daily health and help us live a longer life. Count your blessings and have a grateful attitude.

We are so blessed here at the Senior Center, to have a kind , caring and giving community.

Volunteer your time , it puts you in contact with people and makes a generous and giving heart.

Thanks to all who volunteer at a moments notice. We so appreciate you!

Join us at the Senior Center for a delicious meal served through our nutrition program. Please remember to call before 9:00 am to reserve your meal at 653-4314. Lunch served at 11:00 am daily. We have an amazing kitchen staff, Latisha & Diedre . The meals are might tasty may I add!

If you need to exercise we have a walking program daily at 10:30 and the exercise center is open daily 8-4. On going speakers and activities to promote better mental and physical health...

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Monday June 1 - Beef pepper steak, rice , green beans, whole wheat roll, tapioca, skim milk

Tuesday June 2 - Meat loaf, roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, whole wheat rolls, fruit cup, skim milk

Wednesday June 3- BBQ pork, lima beans, cucumber salad, sliced strawberries, wheat bread, skim milk

Thursday June 4 - Baked chicken with honey glaze, baked sweet potato, seasoned cabbage, wheat bread

sliced pineapple, skim milk

Friday June 5 - Baked Ziti, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, black forest cake, skim milk

Monday June 8 - Baked Ham, baked potato, black eye peas, corn bread, strawberries and banana skim milk

Activities

10:30 Monday - **Friday** Walking Program

Tuesday May 2 -10:00 Dominos 12:00 Book Mobile Laura Snyder

Wednesday May 3 - 10:00 June Bingo with Anita

Thursday May 4 - 10:00 Blood Pressure Clinic Clinton Place 10:30 Exercise with Shannon

Friday May 5 -10:00 Morning Devotion Bro. Max Cooper

****Be Happy With All your Heart* Have A Blessed Week!**

Beelerton Buzz

By Tammy Byrd

Happy birthday wishes to Jane Pillow on May 25, Becky Hudson on the 29, Chad Batts, Bent Ingrum, Stanley Hudson, Sheena Guhy Jackson, and Bro. Steve Webb on the 30, and to Janice Whitlock and to my mom, Nell Wanda Hicks Sellars on the 31.

Happy May anniversary wishes to Jim & Norma Jean Crass on the 31. Happy June birthday wishes to Catherine Foy, Pam Clifton Hagan, Tina Boaz, Trish Polsgrove on the 1, David Jackson and Evelyn Cox on the 2, Janie Templeton on the 4, Carol Sugg on the 6 and to Paige Gunter(Happy 16) and Greg Pruitt on the 7. Happy anniversary wishes to Danny & Sandy Kelly on the 1 and to my brother and his wife, Jimmy Dan & Melisa Hicks(Happy 20th) on the 3rd.

Congratulations to Sam Kimbell & Krissy Johnston on the birth of a daughter, Delaney Rose born on May 28! Nancy Conn is a proud great grandmother. Congratulations to J J & JulieAnn Stroud Lindsey on the birth of their daughter! Congratulations to my son Brian and Jessica Allen on the birth of their second daughter, Kenedy Lynne born on May 19! My mom was honored with a surprise birthday outing at Boyettes at Reelfoot Lake. My sons Bradley and Brian and their families along with my daughter, Sarah and I attended. We enjoyed our meal and the walk afterwards along the lake.

Mt. Zion visitors included myself and Sarah, Brian & Jessica and daughters, Aniston & Kenedy and Ethan Weig, grandson of Paul & Katie Beck. Ethan is spending he week with his grandparents. Visitors at Wesley Church were Carol Batts Stuart. She and her husband, Gary were home visiting with his mom, Grace and Carol’s mom, Dale.


Special belated birthday wishes to Mary Lou Beard who turned 90 on May 17 of whom I heard there were about 77 in attendance at her birthday celebration and also to Durward McAlister who turned 93 on May 22.

The Fulton County Homemakers recently took 5 finished quilts to the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville Ky. Congratulations to the following graduates Morgan Reed, son of Larry & Melinda Reed and to Brooke Jackson, daughter of Steve & Laura Jackson, and to Taylor Rushing, granddaughter of Kathy Jackson Fuller.

Homecoming at New Bethel Church will be on Sunday, June 14 with Bro. Doug Cruse preaching and the Joylanders singing after the noon meal. Everyone is invited to attend. Kelsey Lawrence will be spending a couple of weeks with her grandparents, Wayne & Linda Lawrence.

About 49 attended the community wide breakfast held on Sat. at the Wesley church. Prayer concerns include Grace Stuart, Sharon Conn Wallace,Tim Rodgers, Ronald Stairs, James Gray, Joye Workman, Terry Holder, Jackie Lynch, our pastors and families, nursing home residents, our nation and leaders, and our service men and women, and all 2015 seniors. Have a blessed week!

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QUESTION: My husband is a successful doctor. I only worked part time during high school and college, and then full time while he was in medical school. Since then I’ve been a stay at home mom. So I doubt I would qualify for Social Security when we retire and even if I did, my benefit would probably be low due to my earnings and short number of years working. So will I get any Social Security at all?

ANSWER: You do need a minimum number of credits to qualify and from what you described, it does sound like your benefit would be minimal

if you qualified. However, you will probably get a larger benefit than what you qualify for on your own record because of your husband’s earnings as a doctor. Social Security eligibility rules can be complicated, but even without knowing the exact earnings involved in your situation, it sounds like you’ll be just fine no matter what. Here are a few scenarios that may happen when the two of you reach retirement age (I’m assuming you are approximately the same age since you were high school sweethearts.

When you both decide to retire, you will be eligible for a spousal benefit. You will be paid either your spousal benefit (50% of his benefit) or your own benefit, whichever is larger. Based on what you described, your spousal benefit will likely be larger.

Should you divorce, you will have been married for over 10 years and so after 2 years of divorce, you will be entitled to a spousal benefit (provided you are retirement age).

Should you become widowed and do not remarry before age 60, you will be entitled to 100% of his benefit.

Keep in mind that the situations above have nothing to do with maximization strategies, and taking any benefit before full retirement age will reduce these amounts. However, these will be your options in the simplest form. The Social Security law created spousal benefits for people like you who did not work much, if at all, to stay at home and take care of their families.

Just a quick reminder, though: Social Security is not meant to be your entire retirement income. If you and your husband can manage to start (or continue) saving while you are still young, Social Security will be there to supplement your savings.

QUESTION: I haven’t thought much about Social Security because it seems so far away (20+ years), but there was something I don’t fully understand. If a wife gets half of her husband’s benefit

instead of her own, will that mean that amount is subtracted from the husband’s benefit? In other words, if my husband is supposed to get \$2,000 and I get an \$800 spousal benefit because I filed early, does that mean he can only get \$1,200/month? I’ve heard of a family maximum so I can only assume this has something to do with it since I didn’t pay as much taxes as the husbands did.

ANSWER: There is such a thing as family maximum; however, it applies when there is another dependent (i.e. child or parent) receiving benefits from that person’s Social Security record. (Note that the family maximum does not apply to ex-spouses). So to give an example of the numbers you gave me, let’s say that your husband is at full retirement age (FRA) and is entitled to \$2,000/month. You want to file early and your own benefit is only \$600, but your spousal benefit is \$800. Social Security will give you the larger amount - the \$800 - instead of the \$600 off of your own record. This means that the total amount of Social Security coming into your household would be \$2,800. Now let’s say your husband has an ex-wife who is also going to collect a spousal benefit off of his record. Regardless of how much she receives, the two of you will still receive \$2,800. However, if you have a minor child, an adult disabled child, or a parent you are caring for that is entitled to a benefit off of his record, then the family maximum will begin to apply. In short, the family maximum does not apply when only husbands and wives are involved.

To ask a question about Social Security contact AMAC’s C.J. Miles at cmiles@amac.us. The information contained in this article is for general information purposes only. Every individual’s situation is unique and you should make your benefit choices according to your personal needs. Furthermore, AMAC and its affiliates do not provide legal or accounting services. Please contact a licensed professional for such advice.

Area Announcements

The Mission House distributes CSFP (Cheese) Commodities monthly to Hickman County residents who are 60 years or over, meet the income guidelines, and are pre-registered. Pick up dates are Thursday & Friday after the third Tuesday of each month.

Every Monday:

• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

Second Monday:

• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
• **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** will meet the fourth Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

Every Wednesday:

• 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

• **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..

• **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.

• **The Hickman County Board of Education** will meet at 7:00

p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, in the Board of Education office located at 416 Waterfield Drive, Clinton, KY, to transact routine business.

• **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.
• **The Hickman Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Center** is open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208
• **Hickman County Fiscal Court** will meet June 25 in the County Judge Executive office.
• **Wesley United Methodist Church** will have their monthly breakfast the last Saturday of each month 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.
• **Columbus Cemetery Restoration Association** will meet Sunday, June 7th, at Columbus

City Hall at 2:00. All Columbus residents and interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Issues of interest related to the cemetery will be discussed at the meeting. Donations to the cemetery can be made at this time or by sending them to: Columbus Cemetery Restoration Association, P.O. Box 164, Columbus, Ky. 42032.

• **“CLASS OF 85”** Reunion on June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Angela Zetter’s Farm. Bring appetizer. Call 270-251-0812 or message me on Facebook for address.

FLIGHT Project Manager

The Hickman County Board of Education is now accepting applications for the position of Project Manager for the Hickman County 21st CCCLC Program. The Project Manager will be responsible for the development and implementation of the program activities for this grant. A complete job description may be viewed at our website at www.hickman.kyschools.us. The Project Manager will be a full-time position and will work a maximum of 150 days on a 7.5 hour per day and/or 1125 hour per year schedule. A four year degree or related work experience is preferred. The salary will be commensurate with education and experience. The deadline for application is 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2015.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency in Hickman County, Kentucky is interested in leasing approximately 3,616 rentable square feet of space. The rentable space shall yield a minimum of 2,995 ANS/BOMA usable square feet of first class, high quality office space and 21 parking spaces. Lease term requirement is for 10 years, 5 years firm. Office space located within the floodplain cannot be considered. The area to be considered for the Hickman County USDA Service Center shall be enclosed by and fronting the following: Beginning at the intersection of HWY 51 N and Moore Street – headed due west on Moore Street to Short Street then south on Short Street to KY 1826 – then west on KY 1826 to Ringo Street. Follow Ringo Street south to HWY 58/123. Follow KY 58/123 East to Dunlora Lane – go south on Dunlora Lane where it turns into Moss Drive and continue south where it crosses HWY 51. Go back North on HWY 51 to intersection of HWY 51 and HWY 58E – Go East on HWY 58 E until it reaches the City Limits. Follow the city Limits boundary North to HWY 123 – Go West on HWY 123 to intersection of College Street – go north on College Street to Cresap Street – Go west on Cresap Street to the intersection of HWY 51 and turn North. Follow HWY 51 back to point of beginning at intersection with Moore Street The design and construction of any new buildings, or additions to existing buildings, must be constructed in accordance with the seismic provisions as required in local code for a Certificate of Occupancy. Existing construction must be in compliance with Standards of Seismic Safety for Existing Federally Owned and Leased Buildings ICSSC Recommended Practice 8 (RP 8). Intent of seismic compliance must be performed and certified by a licensed civil or structural engineer prior to final offer. Occupancy is required on or about July 1, 2016. Send expression of interest to: Sterling Hedley, Senior Vice President/Transaction Specialist, 120 Hammond Drive, Atlanta, GA 30328, email: shedley@smith-res.com or phone 404-315-1512 ext. 110, fax 404-315-9890. The expression of interest must be received by the FSA contact no later than 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2015 and must include site address. This is a Davis-Bacon Act Wage Rate Determination solicitation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hickman County Board of Education is now accepting bids for the following: 2000 Chevy C2500 Truck. Vehicle will be sold as is without warranty for cash. Bids will be opened at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015, at the Board of Education offices located at 416 Waterfield Drive North, Clinton, KY. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked “SEALED BID – 2000 Chevy C2500 Truck”. The Hickman County Board of Education reserves the right to refuse/reject any and all bids. Vehicle may be inspected by contacting Shane Bizzle at (270) 653-2341 to schedule an appointment.

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LOCAL NEWS

Railroaders begin with a bang

David Whitesell

The Fulton Railroaders began their 2015 season this past week with a home opener against the Madisonville Miners, and two road games during the weekend against Dubois County and Hopkinsville. The Railroaders emerged victorious in all three outings, putting them at the top of the Ohio Valley League for its first week of action.

Charlie Hecht (#17) of Georgia College and State University led Fulton from the mound during the team's home opener against Madisonville by pitching the first four innings of the contest. The freshman thrower forced a groundout from the first Miner, and then gave up a pair of singles. A missed catch from behind the plate and a Railroader error allowed the two Miners to advance around the diamond and ultimately score from a line drive single between third and short stop.

Hecht recovered by striking out the next Miner to close the top of the first with Fulton trailing 0 – 2.

Fulton did not have to wait long to respond to the two Madisonville runs. The Miners' starting pitcher, J. A. Harville, was a bit too rusty for the opening game of the season. Fulton placed a single from Brad Baldwin (#3), four walked batters, and one hit batter before the Miners brought in Colin Hudson to relieve Harville.

Against the second pitcher, Tyler Hilton (#12) connected for a single on a Miner error for an RBI, Drew Greenwood (#13) was hit by a pitch, John Anderson (#19) smacked a single for two RBIs, Baldwin connected for another single—this one on another Miner error—and Kipp Moore (#15) from MSU hit a double for an RBI. All of these hits and



Charlie Hecht (#17) throws the first pitch of the Railroaders' 2015 season during the team's 16 – 6 win over the Miners.

free bases culminated in nine Railroader runs to give Fulton a commanding seven-run lead runs in the fourth.

Madisonville started the second with a pair of singles, but Fulton soon recovered. The third Miner grounded out to Baldwin on second, Hecht struckout one batter, and Baldwin made an infield catch to close the order.

The only Railroader to get on base in the second was Griffin Neuer (#10), the designated hitter, who was walked.

Fulton tacked on another run in the bottom of the third after fending off Madisonville in the top of the inning. Baldwin blasted a double that ended with Anderson—who had hit a single—being thrown out going to third. Moore was walked to give Fulton two runners on base, and then Kyle Uhrich (#21) hit a single on another Miner error to send Baldwin home.

The Railroaders held a commanding 10 – 2 lead going in to the fourth, at which point Madisonville began to fight back. Three Miner singles and a walked batter caused Assistant Coach Tyler Saltsman to replace Hecht with Kyle Ward (#6) on the mound. Ward then gave up

a single on an error and another hit from a fielder's choice play. In all, the Miners recorded three going in the fourth.

The 10 – 5 score held until the sixth inning, at which point Fulton started another offensive surge. Neuer hit a single in the top of the drive, and then Hilton was hit by a pitch. Greenwood and Anderson struckout to put two outs on the board after Madisonville gave the mound to Yancey Pritchett, and then Carlos Williams (#7) was walked to load the bases. Baldwin, one of Fulton's most consistent players in the game, approached the plate and pelted a single on a Miner error that led to Neuer and Hilton scoring.

Madisonville placed a single run in the seventh to close the inning with Fulton on top 12 – 6.

Up by six going in to the bottom of the eighth, Fulton showed no signs of letting off. Williams was hit by a pitch with one out on the board, and then Baldwin hit a single against the Miners' final relief pitcher. Moore walked to load the bases, and he was followed by an RBI-producing single from Uhrich. Jacob Elliott (#8), the third baseman from the University



Tyler Hilton (#12) slides home safely during Fulton's home opening win over Madisonville. Hilton, a junior from the University of Tennessee at Martin, posted two runs during the 10-run win.

of Memphis, hit a single that sent Baldwin home, and was followed by a single from Neuer that allowed Moore and Elliott to score, giving Fulton a 10-run lead.

Kyle Estand (#9) closed out the game in the top of the ninth by forcing groundouts to Elliott and Baldwin, and striking out one Miner. The game ended with Fulton on top 16 – 6.

Baldwin recorded four runs on four hits and two RBIs against Madisonville, and Neuer posted three hits for three RBIs. Hecht threw three strikeouts while giving up six hits, while Ward and Estand recorded two strikeouts each. The Railroaders walked only two batters in the whole game.

The Railroaders went on to record a 9 – 3 win over Dubois County Saturday night, and a 7 – 4 win at Hopkinsville Sunday evening.

Fulton will continue its season with a game at Owensboro Jun. 2, home games Jun. 3 and 4 against Madisonville and Dubois County respectively, and a game at Hopkinsville Jun. 5. All home games begin at 7:05 at Fulton's Lohaus Field, and tickets are \$5 at the gate.



Photo by Jack Glisson

PROFILES IN NATURE

by Jack Glisson

Periodical Cicada

There here! For the ones of you that have been following my column, I have made mention at least a couple of times that the Periodical Cicada is due here again in 2015. I found and captured the first ones on 05/12/2015.

Commonly called “13 or 17 year locust” this insect isn't really a locust at all. That would be a grasshopper and we don't have the species that cause those swarms here. Instead, they are cicadas. Periodical cicadas differ from annual cicadas in that they have a several year life span (either 13 or 17 years) whereas the annual cicada has a lifespan of 2 to 3 years, they are considered annual because there are always a few that emerge each year. Periodical cicadas can easily be distinguished from annual species. They are much smaller and all 7 species have bright red eyes. The different broods of periodical cicadas are well documented and maps exist of the years of emergence as well as the areas that will be affected. What we are seeing this year is Brood # XXIII, the Lower Mississippi Valley Brood. This is a 13 year cicada.

There are 7 described species of periodical cicada, 4 thirteen year and 3 seventeen year. All of them are in the genus *Magicicada*. The emergence of brood XXIII this year should be nothing short of spectacular. This brood contains all 4 of the 13 year species and covers areas of AR, IL, IN, KY, LA,

MO, MS, and TN.

Cicadas are harmless to humans. They have piercing mouthparts to suck sap from twigs and an ovipositor to pierce bark and lay eggs, but do not use these for defense.

After digging an emergence tunnel, mature nymphs will crawl up some structure and shed their skin, this process is called ecdysis. Adults only live for 4 to 6 weeks during which time they call, mate, and lay eggs. The female makes a slit in a twig and deposits eggs. Around 20 eggs are laid in each slit and individuals may lay up to 600 each! Many of these twigs later will die beyond the pierced site and dead twig tips or “flagging” will be evident of many trees in the area. When the young hatch they are about the size of a small ant and will fall to the ground and burrow in which is where they will spend the next 13 years before emerging again in the year 2028! During these 13 years the nymphs will undergo 5 stages of growth while feeding on sap and juices from plant roots.

While generally considered harmless, sometimes the sheer numbers of insects laying eggs may damage young trees. About the only protection from this would be to cover smaller trees with some type of screening or netting.

For most of us, just set back and enjoy one of nature's shows!

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John Eric Johnson
Isaiah Pettit
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West Tennessee Refuges 25th Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo

It's that time of year – don't you just want to be outdoors? What better way to introduce a child in your life to the outdoors than through fishing. National Fishing and Boating Week is designed to introduce people of all ages to the sport of fishing. To celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge is hosting its **25th Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, June 6th, 2015.** The fishing

rodeo will be held at the ponds near the refuge headquarters at Walnut Log on Highway 157, one mile off of Highway 22. The fishing rodeo is open to kids **12 years old and younger.** Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and will last until noon. Please bring your own fishing pole. **Only** live bait will be allowed. Door prizes, donated by local sponsors, will be given away to all participants during the rodeo. Hotdogs,

hamburgers, chips, cookies and drinks will be provided at no cost while supplies last. The staff of West Tennessee Refuges invites you to join us for a day full of family fun. For additional information regarding the fishing rodeo or to obtain directions, please contact Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge (731) 538-2481.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal

Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The National Wildlife Refuge System is dedicated entirely to the conservation of wildlife and provides habitat for more than 700 species of birds, more than 200 species of fish, and nearly 500 other animal species including 250 threatened and endangered plants and animals. Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System that includes over 150 million acres managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge provides essential habitat for hundreds of thousands of waterfowl, as well as other birds, during each winter migration. The refuge also provides year-around habitat to many other species of wildlife and plants.



Class of 1960 holds 55th reunion

Members of the Hickman County High School Class of 1960 held their 55th year reunion Friday night, May 22, at the Hickman County Extension Building. This was the first class to graduate from Hickman County High School. Shown seated from left are Maggy Brockwell, Valarie Perry, Iva Scott, Martha Weatherly, Mildred Schumate, Jo Ann Alexander, Judy McClure, and Gale Morgan. Standing from left are Jimmy Walker (honored guest), Larry Lewis, Jimmy Stephens, Larry Stewart, Jerry Grimmitt, Jerry Graham, Carlos McClure, and Tommy Kimbro. Graham's name was inadvertently left out of last week's edition.

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FULTON RAILROADERS

HCHS SCHOLARSHIPS



ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS - Shown from left are Jordyn Jackson, Jade Florence, Clinton Rotary Club President Daniel Richardson, Hailey-Marie Ellegood, and Peyton Rodriguez. Jackson, Florence, and Rodriguez were recipients of the Jack Roberts Memorial Scholarship, and Ellegood received the Bette Chandler Memorial Scholarship. Each scholarship is for \$1,000.



ALL DAY CLASSIC SCHOLARSHIPS - Shown from left, Jade Florence, Kayla Michelle Boaz, and Stacy Fujisawa received the Kentucky All Day Classic Scholarship.



PATSY EDDLEMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Jordyn Jackson received the Patsy Eddleman Memorial Scholarship. She is shown with Stephanie Fisk.



RETIRED TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP - Kaylee Webb received the Hickman County Retired Teachers Scholarship.



RED CROSS - Kayla Boaz received the American Red Cross Blood Services Scholarship. She is shown with HCHS Librarian Karen Stairs.



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY - Dr. Don Chamberlain presented scholarships from Murray State University. Recipients, shown from left, are Stacy Fujisawa, Kayla Michelle Boaz, Alisha Samuel, Madison Mitchell, and Tyler Westbrooks.



FFA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP - Terrence Hussey and Tyler Westbrooks received FFA Alumni Scholarships.



HFRECC - Courtney Collier received the Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC. She is shown with CEO Debbie Weatherford.



HICKMAN COUNTY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP - Recipients of the Hickman County Alumni Scholarship, shown from left, are Dylan Jewell, Kinsey Lock, and Hannah Mangrum.



CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES - Madison Mitchell and Kinsey Lock received scholarships from Crop Production Services. They are shown with Brett Mitchell.



UNION UNIVERSITY - Bailey Clark received several scholarships from Union University.



TCAT - Logan Pickard received a scholarship from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Newbern.



DYLAN LYNN PITTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Stacy Fujisawa and Jade Florence were this year's recipients of the Dylan Lynn Pittman Memorial Scholarship. They are shown with Cherry Pyron, left, and Suzi Pittman.



WKCTC SCHOLARSHIPS - Students receiving scholarships from WKCTC were, from left, Jade Florence, Stacy Fujisawa, Every Chloar, Kaitie Woolard, Steven Allen, and Dylan Jewell.



UK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP - Jordyn Jackson, Peyton Rodriguez, Hailey-Marie Ellegood, and Jade Florence received the UK Alumni Scholarship. Jackson also received the UK Parent Scholarship.



TRACE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH - Madison Mitchell received a scholarship from Trace Creek Baptist Church, where she is a member. She is shown with Nathan Rodgers.

